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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS AND EXPORT TAXES IMPOSED BY GOH

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1. GOH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY UNABLE SUPPLY EMBASSY WITH COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF PRODUCTS WHOSE EXPORT IS CONTROLLED. AS GENERAL RULE, EMBASSY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT GOH POLICY IN PAST, AND PROBABLY IN FUTURE, IS TO PROHIBIT EXPORTS ON AN AD HOC BASIS WHENEVER SUCH EXPORTS THREATEN TO CAUSE SHORTAGES IN DOMESTIC MARKET.

2. AS GENERAL RULE, EXPORTS OF MOST FOOD PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED. EXCEPTIONS INCLUDE COFFEE, WHICH IS FREELY EXPORTED BUT HIGHLY TAXED, AND SUCH PRODUCTS AS SUGAR, BEEF, MANGOES, LOBSTERS AND TOMATOES, ALL OF WHICH MAY BE EXPORTED IF SPECIAL PERMIT OBTAINED. GOH DOES, HOWEVER, REFUSE TO ISSUE PERMITS UPON OCCASION. FOR EXAMPLE, EXPORT PERMITS FOR BEEF AND LOBSTER WERE NOT ISSUED DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1973 WHEN LOCAL DEMAND WAS EXPECTED TO BE HIGH BECAUSE OF THE REGIONAL SOCCER PLAY-OFFS AND TOURIST SEASON. AT MOMENT EXPORT PERMITS FOR SUGAR ARE BEING WITHHELD UNTIL DOMESTIC STOCKS ARE REPLENISHED.

3. GENERALLY, THERE ARE NO CONTROLS ON EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS. FOR EXAMPLE,

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SISAL AND BAUXITE MAY BE EXPORTED FREELY. HOWEVER,

COTTON IS HANDLED BY GOH SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AGENCY, WHICH CONTROLS ALL SALES OF DOMESTIC CROP AND TOTAL PRODUCTION USUALLY GOES TO DOMESTIC TEXTILE PRODUCERS. GOH OCCASIONALLY WILL ISSUE DECREE PROHIBITING EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN FEBRUARY 1974 THE GOH PROHIBITED THE EXPORT OF GOATSKINS IN ORDER TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH SKINS FOR LOCAL PRODUCERS.

4. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO BARTER AGREEMENTS WHICH GOH HAS ENTERED INTO NOR ANY MEASURES TAKEN BY GOH TO RESTRICT IMPORTS. IN ORDER TO ASSURE SUPPLIES OF PETROLEUM GOH HAS TRIED TO OBTAIN SPECIAL TREATMENT FROM VENEZUELA ON A BASIS OF POVERTY AND NEED, WITHOUT OFFERING ANY COMMITMENTS IN RETURN.  
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